

591. Law and Order:

PCSO, Sam Broad reported that there had been five crimes in Stoke Fleming in the last two months. Two crimes were classed as 'non crime domestics'. Two of the crimes had been within the last couple of days. There had been criminal damage to the window at the new hairdressers in New Road and a burglary whereby a window had been smashed to gain entry, but very little had been taken.

Speed checks within the village had taken place a couple of months ago and less people had been found doing over 20mph than had been expected. Many of those speeding were found to be locals. No tickets had been issued and they would be carrying out further checks in due course.

Cllr. Newman reported that on the last Bank Holiday Monday, local youths had set fire to the Blackpool Sands Bus Stop. This was due apparently to their being aggrieved that there was no bus to return them to Dartmouth.

Cllr. Baigrie enquired regarding if the resurfacing of the road would be carried out shortly (the road as far as the top of the Ridges having already been done). Cllr. Baigrie enquired as to whether the 20mph zone would be removed. Results needed to be confirmed regard to complaints of speeding traffic in and out of the village before any decision was made on the 20mph limit.

592. County Councillor's Report:

Nothing reported

593. District Councillor's Report:

Nothing reported

594. Traffic Calming:

A request had been made from a parishioner regarding the turning onto the A379 beyond the garage. It was very difficult to join the A379 with oncoming traffic at 40mph. This request was added to the file as the Council had to await the report and this matter was ongoing.

595. Stoke Fleming Website:

It was confirmed that letters had been sent to all accommodation providers inviting them to renew their subscription for advertising for a further year at £25.00. The sub-committee was unsure as to the response at this time. The analytical data for the website looks positive. This matter would be ongoing and the Council would await the response from the accommodation providers. Letters had also been sent to advertisers on the Home Page.

596. Affordable Housing:

Cllr. Newman reported that there was still a 'glitch' regarding the School Lane Development. Peter Swallow needed support from the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to SHDC regarding this matter. Cllr. Longrigg was arranging a meeting with SHDC members to resolve this situation. Tor Homes had wanted their own in house design architect, but Peter Swallow, an architect from Totnes, had designed the previous affordable houses on School Road which had proved to be very

popular and successful. Mr Alan Pook prefers Peter Swallow to do the design for his next parcel of land.

597. Audit:

Cllr. Foster reported that a form stating that the Accounts are closed and going for Audit has been placed on the notice board outside the Post Office. Cllr. Newman thanked Cllr. Foster on behalf of the Parish Council for producing the audit figures. Cllr. Norman proposed that the accounts be approved, seconded by Cllr. Baigrie and agreed unanimously.

598. Insurance Renewal:

Cllr Foster reported on enquiries that he had made regarding insurance.

- a. The insurers would not insure a councillor who is over a certain age and wished to make sure that Cllr. Yabsley was aware of this, for example during his attendance at site meetings. Cllr. Yabsley did not seem unduly concerned regarding this matter.
- b. Cllr. Foster had enquired about Parish Council contracts. For example, someone cleaning the loo block on the playing fields would be unlikely to have their own liability insurance, if, for example they were to slip. It was confirmed that the Parish Council insurance covered this.
- c. The insurers had increased the value of the Parish Council assets by 6% and the premium had been increased accordingly. Cllr. Foster felt that before next years renewal, the Parish Council needed to contact the insurers and request that they reduce this to 3% to be in line with the Council figures which would therefore mean a lesser increased premium.
- d. Cllr. Foster reported that the Clerk's laptop was only insured for use in her house and not for use out of the house, for example in meetings etc. The Council would make the Clerk aware of this.
- e. The insurance premium for the year was £1,222.31 and a cheque would be drawn and paid at the meeting.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Cllr. Foster for all the work that he had put into this matter.

599. Contracts:

Cllr. Foster reported on the various contracts.

Grass cutting – children's play area:

SHDC had not cut the grass short enough or often enough previously. The council either needed to request more regular cuts or employ a local person to cut it in addition to SHDC. By SHDC and a further person cutting the grass, problems could occur, if for example, the proposed cuts sometimes were planned for the same day.

Playing Field:

David Harris' machinery was unfortunately leaving the cuts too long and leaving clumps of grass behind. The football pitch was now doing their area, but not the rest, which is leaving two areas of grass at different levels.

Other Grass Cutting:

There are areas of grass all around the village that also required consideration with regard to cutting.

Toilet Cleaning:

Mr Sams currently does this, but has no contract and the Council do not know how regularly this is done.

Benches/Picnic Tables:

It had been agreed that Mr Ellis would do 50% this year and 50% next year to keep costs to a minimum.

Bus Shelter Cleaning:

At the current moment in time, this is not done by anybody (except perhaps parishioners).

Noticeboards etc:

Need maintaining.

Hedgecutting:

Contract required.

Cllr. Foster suggested that a committee be formed to carry on investigating the work required throughout the village and then the Council could place an advert in the Parish magazine, stating all contracts that needed renewal, inviting applicants to apply. Adverts could also be placed in the Post Office, on the village noticeboards and on the website. It was felt that various contracts could well be done by the same person if desired.

600. Rear Access to Deer Park:

It was reported that Britannia Homes had locked the gate onto Venn Lane to stop people walking through as there was no public right of way through there. However, it was felt that there was a public right of way through there, by 'default' (the nature of time that it had been used as a public right of way). It was agreed that the Council would write to the Parishioners in Venn Way and Deer Park Road to confirm this if they could. It was also agreed to write to the Director of Britannia Homes (and a copy sent to Helen Buckingham at Devon County) to confirm that this route had been used in excess of 20 years and request that the lock be removed. The Deer Park Inn was also losing trade as people were not prepared to walk the long route round. It was also agreed that the Council needed the support of any parishioners who had lived and used the footpath for longer than 20 years and that they confirm this in writing to the Parish Council. An advert would be placed in the Stoke Fleming magazine regarding this matter.

601. Parish Playing Field:

It was reported that at the last football match, there had been problems regarding parking on the field, foul language, the loos had been left in a terrible state and that bottles and general rubbish had been left everywhere. The goalposts had also been taken down, but just left on the ground. The playing field is not a football pitch, it is everybody's field. It is for children, tourists, dog walkers etc as well as footballers and consideration needed to be given with regard to this. It was agreed that someone in authority from the football club needed to be appointed, whom the Council could speak to if

required. A person that could take responsibility for the football club and any problems that may arise. It was agreed that if the Parish Council were to support football, the football club should in return support the village. It was agreed that a letter be written to the football club with regard to the complaints and that these problems were either resolved or the Council would have no choice but to draw a line under their usage of the field. Mr. Stuart Longrigg would be invited to attend the next meeting regarding this.

It was also reported that the disabled toilet requires automatic lighting. At the current time, it would not be possible to reach the light switch.

602. Car Park at Mill Lane:

It was agreed that the Council would chase up with Bob Benns and confirm with the clerk on return from her holiday to see if the planning application had been submitted.

603. CPRE – Stop the Drop:

There had been no issues of fly tipping reported recently and it was felt that this was not a particular issue for Stoke Fleming at the current time.

604. Sheelan:

This should be on the June Building Control list for members to vote on. The Enforcement Officer for SHDC, Mr Rick Crombie had confirmed that the Enforcement Order remains in place, but that the Planning Department had worked with the applicant, Mr Stennard Harrison with regard to what was felt would be acceptable by dropping the swimming pool by one meter. There was no sign however, of the wall being reduced in height! The Parish Council had written to SHDC regarding this matter, as had one local resident.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Delyth Jenkins Evans at SHDC to clarify the situation with regard to the Enforcement Order issued for Sheelan.

605. Hedge:

Visibility was very poor and people were now having to walk in the road. Old plans had been obtained which showed a footpath marked where the hedge had been planted. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the owner of the property regarding this matter. It was also discussed that had the matter been handled better previously, the owner would have been prepared to allow the path to be used.

606. Retirement / Awards:

Discussion had been had with Mary Viney with regard to a memorial for the late John Gutteridge. Possibilities that had been suggested included perhaps naming a road after John or the plantation of a tree (or several trees) in a central location where these could then be cared for and tended. The possibility of an area within the churchyard or the new car park were discussed for consideration.

607. Stoke Fleming Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan:

Nothing to report.

608. Land Registration – Recreation Ground:

This matter was ongoing and the council just awaited to hear from Land Registry.

609. Children’s Play Area:

It was reported that the Parish Council had submitted an “expression of interest” and had requested £50,000 which had been refused. Shirley Tonkin from Fairholme is hoping for support in an attempt to find other ways to raise the money for the children’s play area. There is a meeting on 2nd July 2009 to meet the people organising the funding of the play area’s to discover how the Stoke Fleming bid was rated.

610. Recycling Banks:

It was confirmed that the Recycling Banks would be removed from Leonards Cove Campsite at the end of June 2009. There would be no recycling facilities in the village during the Summer months. Cllr. Willetts had been asked by a Parishioner as to why the recycling banks couldn’t be placed at the top of the playing field at the Village Hall, which it was felt would be accessible to all parishioners, including the lorries who collect and deliver. Cllr. Newman felt that it was unsuitable to have recycling banks on a recreation area and that it would be unsightly to have these on a green area such as the playing field. It was reported that this location had already been discussed and considered to be unsuitable and there had also been concern issued by the Village Hall Committee that the concrete on the car park would not carry heavy lorries.

It was also reported that people are still leaving their old bottles at the old site of the recycling banks.

A new suitable location would be re-investigated in September/October 2009.

611. Maintenance:

The grass cutting was carried out on 3rd June 2009. It was reported that the fence post in the entrance to the playing field had collapsed and needed repairing or replacing and the Council were awaiting a quote for this. With regard to the sponsored flower tubs, the Parish Council would write to all sponsors and ask if they would like proper signs that could be read and not weather damaged on the tubs that they sponsor. Cllr. Willetts had obtained a quote, which whilst she didn’t have this to hand, she felt that it was in the region of £7/£10 per sign. Cllr. Willetts would confirm this figure. The road sweeping had been carried out on 3rd June 2009. The repaint of the Jubilee Shelter was almost complete.

612. Library Users Group:

Nothing to report.

Parish Hall Management Group:

It was reported that the Management Group were currently considering extending the hall.

613. Finance:

Bank Balances at the date of the meeting:

Alliance & Leicester	£11,408.37
Lloyds TSB	£7086.20

Accounts to be paid:

The following cheques were approved for signature:

Mr G Sams	£61.50
Clerk	£205.75
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	£9.00 (use of Ron Harris Room, 12.05.09)
Allianz (Insurance Premium)	£1,222.31
Public Works Loan Board	£1,111.22
AF Pook (grass cutting)	£215.00

It was discussed that a previous payment to Cllr. Baigrie would be reimbursed and removed from the accounts.

614. Diary Dates:

The Coleridge Meeting was due to be held on 9th June 2009 in Strete.

615. Correspondence Received:

Mr Jack Cutter – covered under public question time

Mrs Noble at Bugford, regarding the flooding on the road. The Parish Council would contact Highways.

Roger & Jo Tucker with regard to the closing off of the footpath at Deer Park.

616. Planning Applications:

51/0688/09/F Additional garage to existing block of garages 1, Stoke House Gardens, Stoke Fleming TQ6 OPE

51/0376/09/F Resubmission of application 51/2275/08/F for demolition of bungalow and replacement with new dwelling including viewing decks and swimming pool Silver Cloud, Overseas Estate, Stoke Fleming TQ6 OPJ

51/0831/09/F Householder application for two storey extension to rear, loft extension, addition of two dormer windows and porch to front elevation Embleton, Bay View Close, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QQ

51/0814/09/F Alterations and minor amendments to new dwelling being constructed (ref. 51/1118/08/F) Frenchmans Creek, New Road, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0PH

51/0899/09/F Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and construction of replacement house with associated external works. Cliff Cottage, Redlap, Stoke Fleming TQ6 0JR

51/0863/09/F Householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling to include new detached garage, Rose Cottage, Norton, Dartmouth TQ6 0NH

It was hoped to arrange a Site Meeting for Wednesday 10th June 2009 to visit Cliff Cottage and Rose Cottage.

Decisions:

51/0394/09/F Retrospective application for amendment to planning consent
51/2459/07/F for 2 new openings in external walls and minor amendments Mr
and Mrs R Spratley GRANTED

617. Correspondence Circulating:

It was agreed that a letter of support be sent by the Parish Council for the open air theatre for Dartmouth at Sugary Cove.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.02pm.